

SMITH, K. A.

Born in 1892 in Northcote, Kenneth Ansell Smith was the oldest child of Charles Ansell Smith and Helen Malvena Mackenzie. The family moved to Surrey Hills before 1910, and Kenneth's connection with St Jude's and Carlton is not clear.

Four of Charles and Helen's sons enlisted in the AIF and are all listed on the St Jude's Honour Roll; they are F W D Smith, H M Smith, K A Smith and R M Smith.

Kenneth enlisted in August 1914 and made his attestation at Surrey Hills. Passing his medical, he embarked overseas as a Private.

In February 1916, he was appointed Lance Corporal, in March, Corporal and on 5 August in France, promoted to 2nd Lieutenant.

Wounded in 1916, he recuperated in England and returned to France in 1917. On 18 August 1917, he was promoted to Lieutenant.

Kenneth left England to return to Australia in late 1918, disembarking just two days before Christmas. His appointment in the AIF was terminated in Melbourne, 21 February 1919.

In 1935, he was living at Pyalong Road, Lancefield. Kenneth Ansell Smith died in 1977.

AIF Project Entry

Kenneth Ansell SMITH

Regimental number	819
Place of birth	Melbourne Victoria
Religion	Church of England
Occupation	Bookseller
Address	Vincent Street, Surrey Hills, Victoria.
Marital status	Single
Age at embarkation	22
Next of kin	Father, Chas A Smith, Vincent Street Surrey Hills, Victoria.
Enlistment date	17 August 1914
Rank on enlistment	Private
Unit name	8th Battalion, G Company
AWM Embarkation Roll number	23/25/1
Embarkation details	Unit embarked from Melbourne, Victoria, on board Transport A24 <i>Benalla</i> on 19 October 1914.
Regimental number from Nominal Roll	Commissioned
Rank from Nominal Roll	Lieutenant
Unit from Nominal Roll	8th Battalion

Fate	Returned to Australia 23 October 1918.
Family/military connections	Brothers: 3268 Pte Harold Maxwell SMITH, 8th Bn, killed in action, 4 October 1917; 502 Harold Pascoe SMITH [name does not appear on Nominal Roll].
Other details	Medals: 1914-15 Star, British War Medal, Victory Medal.

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